(e) whether they have taken notice of the fact that any liquidation of Mr. Sankaranainan Pillai's personal debts from the joint funds will prejudicially affect the minor;

(f) whether they have realised that any indiscriminate liquidation of the personal debts of Mr. Sankaranainan Pillai will lead the Government to unnecessary confusion and risk?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) Yes, at present. The Court is taking steps to liquidate the debts.

(b) No answer is called for in view of the reply to (a) above.

(c), (d), (e) & (f). The Court is not at present in a position to supply information on these points. The matter is under investigation.

240. **Mr. George Chakyamuri.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they are aware of the fact that a vast number of poor people including helpless widows have deposited money in the estate from the time of the ancestors of the present wards;

(b) whether they are aware that the Court was not able to meet the demands of their dues till this time;

(c) whether they are aware that the creditors are put to much misery and distress in not getting their dues in spite of the Court management?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a), (b) & (c). One of the objects of the assumption of the management by the Court was to liquidate the estate debts. The Court is taking necessary steps in this direction.

241. **Mr. George Chakyamuri.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Court of Wards has taken under its control all the properties of the wards, Mr. Sankaranainan Pillai and his minor brother, including those in Travancore and British India;

(b) if the answer is in the negative, the reasons for the same;

(c) whether any requisition has been made upon Mr. Sankaranainan Pillai by the Court of Wards authorities to hand over to the Court the properties situated in Travancore and British India;

(d) whether any wilful omission has been noticed, by the Court in the ward in the handing over of such properties?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a)&(b). All the properties in the Cochin State have been brought under the control of the Court of Wards. The properties in Travan-

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